



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
POLLINATOR WEEK
JUNE 22-28, 2009

WHEREAS, pollinator species, such as birds and insects, are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and


WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

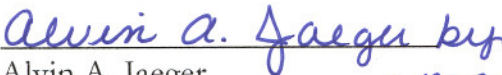
WHEREAS, North Dakota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands, such as state forests and grasslands, for decades; and

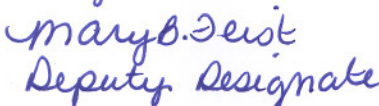
WHEREAS, North Dakota provides producers with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2009, **POLLINATOR WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


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